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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Marie Kay Bockhaus  
4 on her retirement as Principal of St. Joseph School in Aurora;  
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6           WHEREAS, She was born on March 6, 1939, in Rhinelander,  
7 Wisconsin, to Roy and Edna Bockhaus; she went to grade school  
8 at St. Mary's, then Rhinelander Junior High for 9th grade, and  
9 graduated from Rhinelander High School in 1957; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1957, she entered Holy Family Convent in  
11 Manitowoc, Wisconsin, as a postulant, began her college  
12 education, and then took a year off; she professed her first  
13 vows in 1959 and returned to college; in the 1961-62 school  
14 year, she began to teach in Algoma, Wisconsin at St. Mary's; in  
15 1965, she was assigned to Holy Innocents School in Manitowoc  
16 where she taught 5th grade for two years; during this time, she  
17 went to school in the summer and earned her Bachelor of Arts  
18 degree in 1966 with a major in biology and a minor in English;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, Her next assignment was teaching in Santa Barbara,  
21 California, at San Roque School for 2 years; she began teaching  
22 fifth grade at St. Joseph School in Aurora in the 1968-1969

1 school year, and then moved to teaching 8th grade in the middle  
2 of the year; and

3 WHEREAS, She attended Northern Illinois University for her  
4 Master's in elementary education in 1975; in 1983, Sister Mary  
5 Catherine Daly nominated her for the Miriam Joseph Ferrell  
6 award for distinguished teaching and she received her award at  
7 the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. in 1983; that same  
8 year she was honored as the Kane County Parochial Teacher of  
9 the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, She later joined Phi Delta Kappa, a fraternal  
11 organization for educators sponsored at that time by Northern  
12 Illinois University, becoming involved in officer positions  
13 from foundation chair to President; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1997, Monsignor Barr asked her to be principal  
15 at St. Joseph; she earned her Master's in Administration with a  
16 75 Certificate for Administrators in Illinois in 2000; she has  
17 taught and served at St. Joseph for 43 years; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
20 we congratulate Marie Kay Bockhaus on her retirement in  
21 education and wish her the best for years to come; and be it  
22 further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Marie Kay Bockhaus as a symbol of our respect and  
3 esteem.